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AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Hennessee Room, Lois K. Murphy Center
at the University of Mount Olive
Mount Olive, North Carolina

1. Call to order
Senator Brent Jackson, Presiding
2. Introductory remarks by Co-Chairs (*5 minutes*)
3. Welcome (*5 minutes*)
Dr. Philip Kerstetter, President
University of Mount Olive
4. Presentation on University of Mount Olive Agribusiness Center (*10 minutes*)
Edward Olive, Project Development Specialist
University of Mount Olive Agribusiness Center
5. Presentation on agricultural labor standards versus industrial labor standards (*30 minutes*)
Steve Woodson, Associate General Counsel
North Carolina Farm Bureau
6. Presentation on availability of emergency aid for farmers (*30 minutes*)
Sharron Stewart, Director, Emergency Programs Division
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS)
7. Presentation on soil and water issues facing North Carolina agriculture (*30 minutes*)
Pat Harris, Director, Division of Soil and Water Conservation
NCDA&CS

8. Presentation on NC Cooperative Extension Strategic Planning process (*30 minutes*)
Dr. Joe Zublena, Director, NC Cooperative Extension Service
NC State University
9. Presentation on local ordinances affecting agriculture (*30 minutes*)
Keith Larick, Environmental Programs Specialist
NCDA&CS
10. Commission discussion and announcements
11. Adjourn

WARREN FARMING COMPANY SITE VISIT:

Members of the Commission and interested parties are invited to participate in a site visit at Warren Farming Company in Newton Grove for a tour of the farm following adjournment of the Commission meeting. The tour will begin at 2:00. This will not be a formal meeting of the Commission and no business session will be held.

Commission members will meet at 1:30 p.m. outside the Murphy Center at the University of Mount Olive, where transportation to Warren Farming Company will be provided. Interested members of the public may meet at Warren Farming Company by 2:00. Warren Farming Company is located at:

596 Blake Road
Newton Grove, NC 28366
(910) 594-1701

Driving Directions from the University of Mount Olive:

Take Henderson Street toward Bert Martin Rd. and turn left on NC-55W
Continue on NC-55W for 14.6 miles, then turn left on Emmet Thornton Rd.
Turn right on William R. King Rd.
Take the third right onto Blake Rd.
Warren Farming Company will be on the left

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Persons having questions about the Commission meeting or other matters related to the Commission may contact Chris Saunders or Jennifer McGinnis, Commission Counsels, or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578 or may visit the Commissions' website at:

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